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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DIRECTING STATE AGENCIES TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW ON SUBMITTING MATERIAL AND REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND REQUESTING STATE AGENCIES TO MAKE AVAILABLE ELECTRONIC VERSIONS OF REPORTS WHEN FEASIBLE.

WHEREAS, current state law, Section 2-3-14.1 NMSA 1978, prohibits state agencies from sending any material longer than five pages to a member of the legislature, except in certain cases; and

WHEREAS, that same law requires state agencies to file two copies of their reports to the legislature with the legislative council service; and

WHEREAS, too many state agencies are not complying with these requirements and do not appear to be using the most economical method of binding and packaging agency reports as

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1 the law requires; and

2 WHEREAS, these reports contain useful and valuable
3 information that should be readily accessible to members of the
4 legislature, state officials, state employees and the general
5 public; and

6 WHEREAS, these reports should also be available over the
7 internet in electronic formats on agency web sites whenever
8 possible; and

9 WHEREAS, state agencies can electronically notify members
10 of the legislature and the legislative council service library
11 of the availability of their reports on agency web sites;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that each state agency be directed to
14 comply with all the provisions of Section 2-3-14.1 NMSA 1978;
15 and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state agencies be requested to
17 electronically notify the legislative council service library
18 and members of the legislature when agency reports become
19 available on-line and provide instructions on how to access the
20 reports; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the office of the governor and to the executive
23 head of each state agency.

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